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1 What is AFS?

The West Yorkshire Asthma Friendly Schools Initiative aims to improve the care of pupils with asthma by raising awareness through information, training and support for school staff as well as pupils, parents and carers.

[Click here to find a helpful list of objectives that need to be met to achieve asthma friendly school status](#)



2 Why get involved?

- Improve asthma awareness and management in your school.
- Improve support for your pupils with asthma creating an inclusive environment.
- Additional support with the health, safety and wellbeing of your pupils.



3 What does the data say?



There are **19 children** attending A&E with "disease of the respiratory system" **per 1000 children** in Leeds (2023/2024)

An estimated **1 in 11**

children in the UK are living with Asthma [1]



1 in 5

children will miss school due to asthma related symptoms per year [2]

4 How to get involved?

Step 1. Familiarise yourself with the details of AFS and how it works using the [following resource](#).

Step 2. Contact your place lead to express interest and establish a line of communication.

Step 3. Begin to follow the [step by step guide](#) in becoming an asthma friendly school designed by Dr Katherine Hickman.



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